

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-3 (Canceled)

4. (Previously canceled)

5-16 (Canceled)

17. (New) A packaging material consisting of three plastic layers, two outer layers and one intermediate layer;

a. the intermediate layer comprising about 0.04 to about 1 weight % carbon black, and about 3 to about 80 weight % light-reflecting mineral particles;

b. the plastic of the two outer layers being the same as the plastic of the intermediate layer; and

wherein the packaging material prevents the transmission of ultra-violet light.

18. (New) The packaging material of claim 17, wherein the plastic is a polyolefin.

19. (New) The packaging material of claim 17, wherein the plastic is a high density polyethylene or a copolymer of ethylene and propylene

with a melt index between 0.5 and 5 according to American Society for Testing and Materials (2.16 kg; 230°C).

20. (New) The packaging material of claim 17, wherein the light-reflecting material is selected from the group consisting of: montmorillonite, dolomite, calcium carbonate, talcum, mica, volastonite, and clay.

21. (New) The packaging material of claim 17, wherein an outer plastic layer includes a white pigment or colouring agent concealing the intermediate layer.

22. (New) A package for light-sensitive food products consisting of three plastic layers,

two outer layers and an intermediate layer;

wherein the outer layers are made of the same plastic, and at least one of the outer layers comprises about 5 weight % or less white pigment;

the intermediate layer is made of the same plastic as the outer layers, and comprises about 0.04 to about 1.0 weight % light-absorbing material, and about 3 to about 80 weight % light-reflecting material; and

wherein the package has a white appearance and prevents the transmission of ultra-violet light.

23. (New) The package of claim 22 wherein the light-absorbing material is carbon black; and the light-reflecting material is selected from the group consisting of: montmorillonite, dolomite, calcium carbonate, talcum, mica, volastonite, and clay.

24. (New) The package of claim 22, wherein the intermediate layer comprises about 65% by weight of the light-reflecting material.
25. (New) The package of claim 22, wherein the white pigment is titanium dioxide.
26. (New) The package of claim 22, wherein the intermediate layer further comprises a white pigment.
27. (New) A packaging material consisting of a plurality of plastic layers, wherein:
 - a. a layer comprises about 0.04 to about 1 weight % carbon black, and about 3 to about 80 weight % light-reflecting mineral particles; and
 - b. all of the plastic layers are made of the same as the plastic; and wherein the packaging material prevents the transmission of ultra-violet light.
28. (New) The packaging material of claim 27, wherein the plastic is a polyolefin.
29. (New) The packaging material of claim 27, wherein the plastic is a high density polyethylene or a copolymer of ethylene and propylene with a melt index between 0.5 and 5 according to American Society for Testing and Materials (2.16 kg; 230°C).

30. (New) The packaging material of claim 27, wherein the light-reflecting material is selected from the group consisting of: montmorillonite, dolomite, calcium carbonate, talcum, mica, volastonite, and clay.
31. (New) The packaging material of claim 27, wherein a plastic layer includes a white pigment or colouring agent to impart a white appearance to the material.